

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30 are allowed and claims 9, 11-16, and 31 are rejected. Therefore, claims 9, 11-16, and 31 have been canceled and claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30 are pending.

Rejection of Claims 9, 11-16, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §101

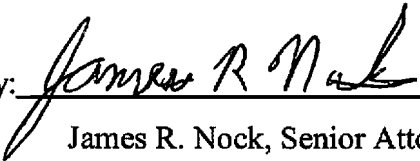
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9, 11-16, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have canceled these claims, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue.

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